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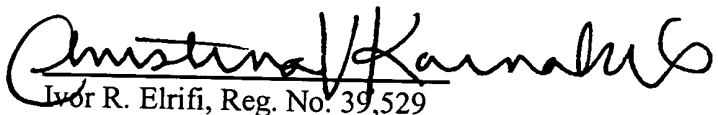
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.191, Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Examiner's November 25, 2002 Office action finally rejecting the claims in the above-identified application. A check in the amount of \$160.00 for filing this appeal is enclosed herewith. 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b). Applicants have filed concurrently a petition for a three-month extension of time. With the extension, the Notice of Appeal is due on May 27, 2003 (May 25, 2003 being a Sunday and May 26, 2003 being a federal holiday). The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 15966-518 (CURA-18). A duplicate copy of this Notice is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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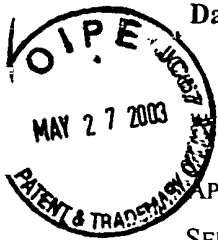
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